

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the Sacramento International Airport and their 40 year anniversary. In 1967, the first flight was flown out of the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport and since that time the Airport has become a gateway to Northern California destinations and major cities across the United States. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting the 40 years of service provided by the Sacramento International Airport.

Located just northwest of downtown Sacramento, the Sacramento International Airport is situated on 6,000 acres of former farmland. The Airport was constructed when the region's aviation needs outgrew the Sacramento Executive Airport. The \$17.8 million dollar project was completed in 1967 and in the following year the nearly a million people flew on the airport's five initial carriers; Delta, Pacific,

United, West Coast and Western. Since that time airlines have come and gone at the airport, but the high level of customer satisfaction remains.

Over the last 40 years the Sacramento International Airport has made great strides to improve its facilities. Nine years ago, the Sacramento Metropolitan Airport was officially renamed the Sacramento International Airport when it started hosting nonstop flights to Mexico and Canada. These international flights were made possible by the completion of an International Terminal and Terminal A, which represented a stark contrast to the older and outdated Terminal B.

In 2006, Airport officials announced they would be replacing the aging Terminal B with a brand new terminal. Under the leadership of Sacramento County Airport System Director Hardy Acree and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, this modernization of the Airport will be complete in 2012. The state-of-the-art facility will be equipped with 23 new gates, a two-level access roadway designed to reduce traffic congestion and additional taxiways that will allow aircrafts to reach terminals more promptly. All of these features will improve the overall efficiency and enjoyment of the traveling experience.

Forty years after being built, the Airport welcomes more than 10 million passengers each year and has two fully operational runways. It is estimated that by 2020, the Airport will serve over 17.7 million passengers as a growing regional hub and international transit point. With flights to New York City, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Chicago, Guadalajara, Mexico City, Vancouver, Ontario, Honolulu, all of California's major cities and many more, the airport is an attractive option for all Northern California travelers. Thanks to the construction of a new six-story parking garage three years ago, the Airport now accommodates over 16,000 cars, making the traveling experience more enjoyable.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 40 years of growth and prosperity at the Sacramento International Airport. In the coming years the Sacramento International Airport will continue to expand as an international airport and gateway for our region. As the Airport's supporters gather to celebrate their 40 anniversary, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their storied past and vision for the future.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 29

4 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and simmering tensions with Russia before parliamentary and presidential elections.

1539-LHOB

OCTOBER 30

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine ways to protect the United States from drug-resistant tuberculosis, focusing on reinvesting in control and new tools research.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the role of local law enforcement in countering violent Islamist extremism.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

SD-419

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

OCTOBER 31

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

SD-562

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine universal telephone service.

SR-253

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository.

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans' security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant avail-

ability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast.

SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities.

SD-538

NOVEMBER 1

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor, and Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Labor.

SD-430

Intelligence

Meeting of conferees on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community.

S-407, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the performance and structure of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution.

SR-301

1:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on economic and national security implications.

SD-538